

CHAS-27
FRIENDSHIP FARM (John Rowe House)
Mason's Spring
Private

early and mid-19th
century

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CHAS-27

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY PAI#0900275204

1 NAME

HISTORIC

FRIENDSHIP FARM (John Rowe House)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South side of MD. Rte. 237

CITY, TOWN

Mason's Springs ☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Charles

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Thomas E. Rowe

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Friendship Farm

CITY, TOWN

Indian Head ☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Charles County Courthouse

Liber #: 157

Folio #: 626

STREET & NUMBER

Charles Street (P.O. Box B)

CITY, TOWN

La Plata

STATE

Maryland 20646

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A four part frame house, Friendship Farm is of interest for its earliest east end section: two one-story buildings connected by a hyphen. Each of the two main parts of this section of the house has a single chimney with stepped shoulders at their east end. Both are one bay in width, having a single 9-over-6 window in their north walls. The one closest to the main block has a later dormer window on the front, north slope of the roof as well as a small frame pent to the right of the chimney base. There are some features of this part of the house that suggest it might have been larger and that a portion of it was incorporated into the circa 1840-50 main block. Both parts of the earliest section of the house are believed to have been built at the same time, possibly as early as the late 18th century but more likely the early 19th century.

The main block is three bays wide; the transomed entrance door is located in the third bay from the west end of the north front. The two first and three second floor windows of this side frame sash of 6-over-6 sash and there is a one-story porch with tapered posts and balustrade. At the west end of the gable roof is a single flush gable chimney. Later alterations and additions to the building include a shed roofed one-story extension across the south side of the main block and the raising and extending of the rear roof slope of the east end section giving it its present "salt box" profile. The house is presently sheathed with asbestos siding and the roof with asphalt shingles.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Friendship Farm is located on a 135.05 acre tract of land identified as parcel 97, Map 21 of the Charles County Tax Maps (revised January, 1976).

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

J. Richard Rivoire, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Charles County Planning Department

DATE

August, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Charles County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

645-6537

CITY OR TOWN

La Plata

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

S
#John Rowe House

faces N

Roof "A" - E to W

3 part composition - that portion
to the East being the original or, oldest



(N. ELEVATION)

internal chimneys

chimneys peak on
external chimneys
or 2nd part. E
W

clayboard - dbl. chimneys W end - ca. 1820-40
middle portion lg. fireplace now
boarded over - chimney ext.
with free standing stack
old kitchen - connected to middle
portion by hyphen - ext.
chimney
Main block 2 rooms deep with
full length hall at E. end.

W
N



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FRIENDSHIP FARM (Rowe House)

View From NE JRRivoire, 1978



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FRIENDSHIP FARM (Rowe House)

View From SE JRRivoire, 1978